1. A method for receiving video transmissions comprising:

monitoring a first video transmission while a receiver is tuned to receive a second transmission;

generating a notification when a predetermined event occurs during said first video transmission; and

enabling the display of a portion of said second transmission before said event occurred.

2. The method of claim 1 further including receiving a second video transmission that is a television broadcast.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein generating a notification includes producing an on-screen prompt on a display, displaying said second video transmission.

4. The method of claim 3 further including automatically switching the receiver to the first video transmission in response to a user command in response to said prompt.

5. The method of claim 4 further receiving a signal indicating a button on a remote control was activated to automatically switch to the first video transmission.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein generating a notification includes selecting a prompt which provides an indication when a set amount of time is remaining in the second transmission.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein generating a notification includes selecting a prompt which occurs automatically at a given time interval.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein monitoring includes monitoring the words spoken in the course of the first transmission.

9. The method of claim 8 further including monitoring closed caption script which accompanies said second transmission.

10. The method of claim 1 including generating a list of a plurality of events, allowing the user to select an event and generating the notification when the user selected event occurs.

11. The method of claim 1 further including continuously storing said first transmission.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein said continuously storing includes continuously storing a portion of said first video transmission in a first in last out memory.

13. The method of claim 12 including automatically displaying said stored first transmission upon detection of said predetermined event.

14. An article comprising a medium for storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to:

monitor a first transmission while a receiver is tuned to receive a second transmission;

generate a notification when a predetermined event occurs during said first transmission; and

enable the display of a portion of said second transmission before said event occurred.

15. The article of claim 14 further storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to produce an on-screen prompt on a display displaying said second video transmission.

16. The article of claim 15 further storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to automatically switch the receiver to the first video transmission in response to a user command in response to said prompt.

17. The article of claim 16 further storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to receive a signal indicating a button on a remote control was activated to automatically switch to the first video transmission.

18. The article of claim 14 further storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to select a prompt which provides an indication when a set amount of time is remaining in the second transmission.

19. The article of claim 14 further storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to select a prompt which occurs automatically at a given time interval.

20. The article of claim 14 further storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to monitor the words spoken in the course of the first transmission.

21. The article of claim 20 further storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to monitor closed caption script which accompanies said second transmission.

22. The article of claim 14 further storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to generate a

list of a plurality of events, allowing the user to select an event and generate the notification when the user selected event occurs.

23. The article of claim 14 further storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to continuously store said first transmission.

24. The article of claim 23 further storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to continuously store a portion of said first video transmission in a first in last out memory.

25. The article of claim 24 further storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to automatically display said stored first transmission upon detection of said predetermined event.

26. A processor-based system comprising:

a processor;

a video receiver coupled to said processor to tune to at least two video transmissions;

storage coupled to said processor, said storage to store a portion of a first video transmission; and

a program stored in said storage that causes said processor to monitor a first video transmission while said

receiver is tuned to receive a second video transmission, to generate a notification when a predetermined event occurs during said first video transmission and to cause the display of a portion, stored in said storage, of said first transmission before said event occurred.

27. The system of claim 26 wherein said processor causes a portion of said first transmission to be continuously stored in a first in last out memory of said storage.

28. The system of claim 26 wherein said program allows the selection of said first or second transmission for viewing after said portion of said first transmission before said event occurred has been displayed.

29. The system of claim 26 including a monitor that collects information about the status of said first transmission.

30. The system of claim 26 including a remote control unit.